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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-TWO

**AN ACT Establishing a Tuition Equalization Fund
for Maine Students Entering Maine Private Colleges.**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. Tuition Equalization Fund. There is appropriated from the Un-appropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$150,000 to establish a Tuition Equalization Fund to be distributed to Maine students entering accredited Maine private colleges. The allocation of these places to private colleges shall have the following priority: The greatest number of places shall be in those institutions which can demonstrate a reduced enrollment against the base year 1969-70. Students eligible for grants are those whose family income, as measured by taxable income for federal income tax purposes, is below \$10,000. Individual grants shall be no more than \$800. The selection of the grant recipients shall be made by the Council of Higher Education for Maine.

Sec. 2. Application. This Act in no way commits the next Legislature to an additional appropriation for this purpose.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The University of Maine was unable to accept a great number of Maine applicants while Maine's accredited private colleges had a total of 1,000 unfilled places.

It is necessary that the private colleges in Maine be preserved by providing space and choice for Maine students who desire to attend college in Maine and to provide such service at the lowest possible cost to the taxpayers.